approach to such senior bureaucratic bosts; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *Ml* THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) Appointments to top-most bureaucratic position in the Government of India rare made through a process of strict selection on the basis of merit, competence, leadership and flair for participating in the policy-making process with due regard given to seniority.

*235. *[Transferred to 24 August, 1993]*

Task Force fur identification of Wasteland

*236. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a task force to identify the waste land, available for development:

(b) if so, what are the objectives of the proposed task force in addition to finding out the availability of waste land;

(c) whether Government propose to mobilise investment from Corporate sectors and financial institutions for development of waste land; and

(d) whether any discussions were held with the above institutions and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAO RAM SINGH); (a) The Government have Constituted on 25th May, 1993 a Task Force for the resolution of Policy issues regarding Govemmerrt/Community/Panchayat/Private wastelands.

(b) The Task Force will examine various aspects relating to Government/Community/ Panchayat/Private wastelands in non-forest areas and make recommendations for formulating appropriate Policy Guidelines regarding availability and their utilisation for sustainable development. Moreover, the Committee will specifically consider the legislative/procedural measures regulating utilisation of Government/ Community/Panchayat wastelands in non-forest areas and questions relating to their availability for periods appropriate for their development and use of different types of land based activities including the terms and conditions and safeguards necessary for protecting the interests of local communities particularly members of the weaker sections of society.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Discussions with financial institutions are ongoing and will remain a continous process. Discussions relate to implementation of the scheme of Margin Money Assistance under which central assistance was available for tree plantation/afforestation through the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) to the public sector Undertakings/Companies/Individuals etc. The funding pattern provided for. envisaged atleast 50% of the project cost as bank loan and the balance to be equally shared between National Wasteland Development Board (NWDB) and the promotor agency, restricting National Wasteland Development Board's share upto 25% of the project cost. The scheme is now under revision in view of the suggestions received by the Department so far.

Violation of Statutory Provisions by Companies

*237. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies which violated the statutory provisions by making investments and loans in excess of permitted limits in the last three years, year-wise:

(b) the names of the companies and the nature of violation together with their details;

(c) whether any legal action has been initiated in the past against these companies, if so, the details thereof indicating the stage in which the case is presently pending and also the date on which the action has been initiated; and

(d) what steps are taken to see that such violations do not take place in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY' OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The information received so far is contained in the enclosed Statement.

(d) Prosecution proceedings are launched. This has deterrent effect.

Statement

Names of the Companies involvat in violaring the statutory provisions

Year	Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Section and nature of violation	Legal action initiated
1	2	3	4	5
1990-91	1.	M/s. SAGE Investment Ltd.,	370/loan	8-11-1990
1991-92	2.	M/s. Galore Commercial Ltd.,	370/loan	9-8-1991
	3	M/s. Sandas Holdings Limited	370/loan	28-10-1991
	4.	M/s. Games Commercial Company Ltd.,	370/loan	21-12-1991
1992-93	5.	M/s. Growmore Research & Assets Management Limited	372/investment	8-7-1992
	6.	The Amalgamated Coalfields Ltd.,	370/loan	22-7-1992
	7.	M/s. Champak Lal Investment & Financial Consultancy Ltd.,	372/investment	28-8-1992
	8.	M/s. Fairgrowth Financial Services Limited	370, 372/loan and advances	18-11-1992
	9.	M/s. India Silica Magnetic Works Limited	372/investment	1-3-1993
	10.	M/s. Fairgrowth Investments Ltd.,	370/loan	30-3-1993
	11.	M/s. Growmore Leasing & Investment Limited	372/investment	8-7-1992
	12.	M/s. Tata-Robins Fraser Limited	370/loan	3-8-1992
	13.	M/s. Palghat Permanent Fund Ltd.,	370/loan	6-1-1993
	14.	M/s. K. J. Investments Limited	372/investment	25-1-1993
	15.	M/s. Newman Associates Limited	372/investment	16-4-1993
	16.	M/s. India Silica Magnesite Works Limited	372/investment	8-4-1993
	17.	M/s. Shree Shyam Land Development Housing Industries Limited	370/loan	Offence compounded u/s 621A of the Companies Act.
	18.	M/s. Supreme Credit Corporation Limited	372/investment	Application for compounding of offence is under consideration.
	19.	M/s. Tamil Nadu Jai Bharath Mills Limited	370/loan	Since the loans granted in contravention were recovered the companies was let off with a suitable warning.